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word. I always deluded myself into the belief that you were going to "All your money hasu't brought me happiness. No other woman would have borne what I have for fifteen years. If you had a spark of manhood in you you'd lead a decent life—if not change. Pve waited just thirteen years longer than I should. I might have known, after that affair at Great for my sake, then for your children's." His number changed from the fron-He had been listening to her quietly

ical and contemptuous to the sarcastic. The mention of children, which brings the light of joy and hope to the eyes of the true father and the gladness of life to his heart, wrought no miracle in the soul of this man, so hardened to all true feeling. With a meer be re-pited to his wife, the mother of his

"Oh, now we're around to the children again."
"You never consider them. They'll

soon be old enough to understand." It was in an angrieved tone that be conded as though he had been ac-

"They've got everything they want o. They're getting a good education



did not because I always took your

"Great Neck," however, he stiffened in his chair, his hands gripped its edge tightly and his face took on an aspect of ugly hardness as he checked her

"Oh, I haven't forgotten it, although tt is thirteen years ago. That little Miss Deane, that innocent child-and to think that I have lived with you

At the beginning of the interchange of words, when Glover left the room. she had been seated. As her feelings mounted she had risen and had moved uneasily about the chamber, as though the spirit that possessed her would not let her rest. But now, with the mention of the "Miss Deane," se name seemed to stir her so deeply, she seated herself in an armchair and sat there rigid, with clinched hands. She did not look at Trask. Whoever Miss Deane had been or was and no matter what emotion the memory of her awakened and stirred in the breast of Joan Trask it did not eem to affect Gerald Trask, save that he now seemed possessed of a wish to

mid a liberal allowance. That's all have the painful scene over with. "You're sending them out into the Perhaps it was with a desire to reach the end that he now said, "Never mind "Oh, stigma be hanged! I lead a digging up the past." protty signight life. You don't expec-

"I will 'dig up the past!" " said Mrs. Trask. "I'll tell the whole story to the thumbs, do you? I've got time for world and let it see what manner of that thirty years from now."

It was with a sinking heart the man you are and have been."

Was it fear that now possessed the heart of Gerald Trask, insensible to other, higher motives? After all, de spite his cynical disregard of his wife's marital rights, she had aided him in maintaining the place in the social world to which he had been born. If, goaded beyond endurance, she laid bare to the world the tale of his infidelities —and worse—she could do irreparable damage to his reputation. Had he any friendships which could stand the strain? Could a man such as he was have any real friends? In an instant, with the incalculable rapidity of thought, his mind ran over the list of

ever it led. Not even the thought of

the children, so much dearer to her

than to him, would deter her, he knew.

fairs of the Trasks had reached a crisis

and he must avert it. His words were

"Look here, Joan, what's the use of kicking up a row? That divorce ide:

is all nonsense. There's no reason why

"No. I'm through with you," she sai

"I've forgiven you a dozen times, and

it's been the same thing over again."

There was no sign of weakening in her tone. He knew now that he cou'

not afford to argue with her furthe

It must be as a suppliant he must no

oman who ha

we can't go on together."

Plainly he saw that the conjugal af-

The threat falled of its effect acquaintances. At the end of the list came Strickland. Strickland! "Well, go shead; I won't attempt prevent you," said Trask. His thoughts swung back to Joan "No, you'll be glad, I suppose." sitting, scornful and indignant, before "I won't be sorry, you can wager of It was plain to the man of the world that now he had "gone the limit." But little more was needed to

conciliatory.

Again the tone stung her. But this time in her reply there was somethin; force his wife over the precipice to which had been absent theretofore which their steps had been converging ontempt for the man whose name she for years. He knew her well enough to realize that, her resolution to divorce "And I've been living with you all him once taken, she would not turn back from the bitter road, whitherso

these years?" she flung at him, But sgain her words and tone failed to hit their mark, if indeed they were intended to rouse him.

"For six years I hid myself away."

ne to sit by the fireside twirling m

can Trans recognized the futility of

her arguments and her appeals to be

msband. When reasoning falls fea

and self interest will prevail some

times. She decided to adopt a differ

ent course with her sneering, cynles

husband. Wifely devotion had failed

appeal to parental love had been it

Her voice lost its appealing quality

and took on the tone of indignant we

manhood, conscious of its rights, a

"I won't stand it any longer-I'll ge

vain. She would try compulsion,

they have a right to expect of me."

Oh, shortsighted father!

world with a stigma".

she said:

Well, why have you?" he asked. "You know why-to keep up appear ances on account of the children-to give them a good name."

"And because I took pretty good carof you." There was insult in the words and manner, and her indign tion, which had mounted steadily, no red out in volcanic anger. She sp at length, for some time brooking

"You talk as though you had bribing me to throw away my sei: et. I won't take any more of I'll bring suit against you tomorr

ylelded to his will all these years, had condoned his offenses "for the sake of the children" and for the sake of appearances before the world, revealed herself at last as willing to be the mistress of her own fate. More strongly than before the desirability-nay, the necessity—of conciliating her impressed itself upon him. He pleaded with her. rising from his chair, going over to her and bending over her.

"Make this the last time," he begged "What do you want me to do?"

CHAPTER VI.

His Last Night on Earth. OR a moment the light of re turning hope burned in the vows, stretching back to the time when the man before her had taken upon himself the solemn obligation to "love, cherish and honor," clouded her face "No;" she said dully, "it's no use,

It'll be just the same as ever." "I tell you it won't," he said. "What more do you want? I give you my word. I know that I've broken it be fore, but this time I'm in earnest." There was solemnity in her tone as

she said: "Gerald, if I do this it is the last

It was with genuine relief that he exclaimed: "Good! We'll begin all over again!"

He kissed her. Oh, trusting heart of womanhood! She took his words at their face value and returned the kiss. making no effort to stem the rising tide of her wrath. At the words But there was still misgiving in her mind that was not stilled by the wild, glad beating of her heart. "Gerald," she said, "you'll keep your

> "I've said so," was his reply. "Then promise me that you'll break off with this woman."

ing in that. You're wrong. You've misjudged me this time."

They kissed again. With a parting good night Trask switched off the lights in the library, and the two went to their respective rooms. Such was the last talk of Gerald and Joan Trask. The woman went to her room with the joyous hope that she had regained her husband as he was in the first few come to all of these service months of their wedded life. She had forget the Sunday services. recisimed him!

And the stars sang to her as she peered from the window of her room, and the voices of the city, stilled in the night, spoke only of the happiness that was to come to her at last after years of suffering. Gerald was to be hers

again, and all was well!

And the man? He left his wife with a lie on his lips and in his heart. Not love, but fear had prompted the reconciliation. The storm had blown over for the time. He would live quietly until Joan had time to forget a bit-Forget? Joan forget? He laughed little bitter laugh. Curse it! Her memory was too good. Thirteen year since the Deane affair at Great Neck. Jove, how lucky he had been! Why, h might have brought him a penitentiary sentence! Joan had remembered every detail of the affair, it seemed, and had flung it into his face that night. Wo men remember some things much ber ter than men. But there, it had pass ed, fortunately for him, and he had "aquared" Joan this night. So what "Now, see here!" "squared" Joan this night. So what in her voice there was an added note was the use of remembering one affair

Besides, he was dog tired and must rest. Tomorrow he would plan how to

get around Joan. Thus Gerald Trask went to his rest on the night that was to be his last on earth. Other persons are astir with the af-

fairs of the Trasks this night. It was but a few minutes after Mr. and Mrs. Trask bad left the library. All was in darkness, but the quiet of the place was broken by a queer grating sound from the alcove in which stood the safe. It was metal moving upon metal, a slithering and scratching dise. To the nerves of Joan Trask. tnutened and thrilled by her talk with her husband, all sensation is magnifled, and she heard the sound. She moves toward it, entering the room. The figure of a man rises from before the safe, selzes a scarf from the library table and glides to where the hesitant figure of the woman stands. Before she can give voice to the words of inquiry on her lips he has sprung upon her, strangling her as he envelops her head in the searf. He forces her to

the floor, but as he does so another man enters the room at the rear. It is Robert Strickland, come to the home of his "friend" for a purpose. In his hand is something bright and strange of shape.

The man who is choking Mrs. Trask hears him and looks up, desisting from his terrible work. Joan is too far gone to scream, however. He has succeeded

in his aim of silencing her. But as Strickland enters the room the strangler glides off to one side and leaves the newcomer looking down in bewilderment at the figure of Mrs. Trask on the floor.

Then, for the second time on this fateful night, the telephone bell rings. A moment more and Gerald Trask in his shirt sleeves stumbles into the dark room. With one hand he reaches for the telephone receiver, with the other he switches on the electric light.

His eyes are turned from the other two occupants of the room, and he does not know of their presence. Mrs. Trask cannot call to her husband. for she has but little breath left. Besides, her eyes are fixed in fascination on the revolver which Strickland has pointed at her. And Strickland, daz-zled by the sudden glare of light, seems bewildered by the sight of the woman lying on the floor,

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PRAYER MEETING MONTH.

December is prayer meeting month for Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, North avenue and Remer street, Rev. Minard L. G. Proper, pastor. The pastor has divided the mem-bers and probationers into three groups. Group 1 includes those whose surnames begin with the letters A to G, both included; group, 2 H to Q; group 3, R to Z. Those in group 1, A to G, are asked to attend the prayer. "What woman?"
"The one who called up."
"Oh, pshaw!" he said. "There's nothing in that. You're wrong. You've would be even better if all would attend every prayer meeting for every-body is inbited. Will the people do this? Make the church mean something to you. It does not depend on the pastor alone, and those who regu-larly attend the mid-week service. A church prayer meeting and watch night service for all will be held Friday evening, Dec. 31. Everybody welcome to all of these services. Don't

> CHANGE MEETING DAY OF CLAIMS COMMITTEE.

Alderman Blakeslee, chairman of the new aldermanic committee on claims, has announced that hereafter the meeting of his committee will be held on the same Friday each week that the council meets. Alderman Blakeslee said that an effort will be made to clean up all business at each meeting. The committee will meet at 7:30 this Friday.

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Ordered, That the said application

be heard and determined at the Pro-bate Office in Bridgeport, on the 14th blood and purifying the entire system. day of December, 1915, at 10 o'clock They do all and more than Calomei in the forenoon, and this court directs and other harsh cathartics do with-RELIGIOUS SOCIETY. said administrator to give notice to all persons interested in said estate to contains nothing of a harmful or ha Major William Flynn, the veteran appear, if they see cause, and be bit forming nature; they are made after distribution of the Berkshire division of heard thereon, by publishing this orter the favorite formula of a specialist the New Haven road is scheduled to der once in a newspaper having a cir- of New York City and have been se-address the Holy Name society of St. culation in said district on or before lected as the best by more than five the 10th day of December, A. D. 1915, and return make to the court of notice given.

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